Cross Cultural Communication / Awareness

Description: Our University is the temporary home to about 270 students from other countries, primarily China and Saudi Arabia, but also 19 other countries. WOU staff in nearly every office interact at least occasionally with international students but may feel that these interactions are more strained or less successful than communications with domestic students.

In this workshop, we will begin by addressing the cultural and linguistic reasons for these difficulties. We will then work in groups to brainstorm the most common challenges that you face during interactions and the questions that you have regarding international students and cross-cultural communication. The majority of the time will be devoted to discussion of ways to mitigate the challenges, answer your questions, and provide resources that can be helpful.